



Creative Communities

FY16 Grant program

Phase 1

Guidelines Summary

*This program is supported with
funding from the National Endowment for the Arts*



Purpose:

The Creative Communities grants program encourages arts education and community arts development in Wisconsin. It provides support for projects that are done *with* the community rather than just *for* the community, and that further the Arts Board's goals in the following three areas:

- * Arts Education
- * Folk and Traditional Arts
- * Local Arts

Applicants are welcome to submit one proposal to one of these three categories per year if they are not a current recipient of a Creation and Presentation award. Copies of the grant guidelines for Creative Communities Phase 1 and Phase 2 are available on the [Creative Communities Program webpage](#).

Eligibility:

Applicants must:

1. have been doing mission-related work for three years prior to application, and
2. either hold tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code or be part of a larger nonprofit institution or a unit of state or local government including public schools and universities. If neither of these are applicable, applicants may apply using a separate nonprofit organization as a fiscal receiver.

Timeline:

- * Monday, January 26, 2015 – Applicants that have not previously applied to the WAB's Creative Communities program notify the Arts Board of their intent to apply. Notification should be in the form of an email to artsboard@wisconsin.gov.
 - * Thursday, January 29, 2015 – Q&A phone session for applicants (not required). Find details on the Creative Communities web page:
<http://artsboard.wisconsin.gov/subcategory.asp?linksubcatid=3331&linkcatid=3398&linkid=1653&locid=171>.
 - * Monday, February 2, 2015 by 3:00 pm - Electronic (email) deadline for Phase 1 applications
 - * Friday, February 20, 2015 – Eligible applicants are invited to submit a Phase 2 application
 - * Friday, March 13, 2015 by 3:00 pm – Electronic (eGRANT) deadline for Phase 2 applications
- Funds will be available for activities occurring between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

Grant Amounts:

Grants will range from a minimum of \$1,500 to a maximum of \$6,000.

A 1:1 match, half of which must be cash, is required from the applicant for these funds.

(The amount of the grant request cannot be more than half the overall budget of the project.)

To Apply:

Complete the Phase 1 application form and email it by Monday, February 2, 2015 at 3:00 pm to the Wisconsin Arts Board (artsboard@wisconsin.gov). Late Phase 1 applications will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit the application by the deadline day and time.

Phase 1 Evaluation Criteria:

- 1) project aligns with the purpose of the Creative Communities program and the goals for the relevant component;
- 2) project's artistic/educational/cultural value is strong;
- 3) level of community participation and accessibility is high.
- 4) An extra point will be awarded to projects that are especially creative/innovative.

Grant Proposal Writing Assistance:

Arts Board staff is available to provide grant proposal assistance throughout the year. Call (608) 266-0190 or email artsboard@wisconsin.gov.